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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Michigan Worker Deaths of 2016

The 42<sup>nd</sup> and 43<sup>rd</sup> Michigan worker deaths of 2016 occurred on August 31 and 16, 2016. The information below shares preliminary details about the most recent fatalities reported to the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOsha). The description reflects information provided to MIOsha at the initial report of the incident and are not the result of the official MIOsha investigation.

*Preliminary summary of incident #42: On July 19, 2016, at approximately 8:55 p.m., a 26-year-old carpenter was engaged in residential carpentry installing a roof truss, when he fell approximately 22 feet to the basement level. The carpenter was transported to the hospital where he passed away on 08/31/16. The employer-employee relationship was determined on 12/21/16.*

*Preliminary summary of incident #43: On August 16, 2016, at approximately 2:51 p.m., a 39-year-old owner/roofer and another employee were working on a residential garage. The owner/roofer fell off the roof to the concrete below, approximately 10-12 feet. He died due to the injuries received. MIOsha was notified on 11/17/16.*

There were 29 MIOsha-related deaths in 2015. 2009 saw the lowest number with 24. Every life is precious. Our mutual goal must be that every employee goes home at the end of their shift every day!


If you need help or assistance in ensuring your workplace is safe, MIOsha is here with resources to help. The Consultation, Education and Training (CET) Division provides workplace safety and health training and consultations to employers and employees throughout Michigan free of charge. Contact CET today at 800-866-4674 or submit a request [online](#).


### MIOsha Program Highlights

It is the end of the calendar year when annual reports are due to federal [OSHA](#) and the legislature. Below are some statistics from fiscal year 2016 reports which demonstrate how MIOsha helps ensure the safety and health of Michigan workers.

- MIOsha conducted 4,678 onsite and 926 offsite (letter) enforcement inspections.
- MIOsha conducted 1,605 onsite and 315 offsite consultations.

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- MIOSHA awarded 21 grants totaling \$867,000 to non-profit groups to enhance health and safety across the state.
- The “Connecting MIOSHA to Industry” initiative continued with six “Coffee with MIOSHA” events held across the state.
- MIOSHA had record-high participation during its 12th annual “Take a Stand” Day, with nearly 240 companies from around the state partnering with the agency to “Take a Stand” for workplace safety and health – almost twice the number of participants in FY 2015. MIOSHA dedicated nearly all of its safety and health professionals to visit Michigan worksites to provide one-on-one consultations and address hazards requested by employers. The visits were citation and penalty-free, with the understanding employers must correct serious conditions to protect employees from any serious hazards.
- Of the ten high hazard industries identified in Strategic Plan Goal 1.1, seven of the ten met the 15 percent reduction in the injury and illness rate.

The asbestos program was initiated in September of 1986, and among other duties they enforce the Asbestos Abatement Contractor Licensing Act (1986 PA 135). The act:

- Defines pertinent asbestos-related terms.
- Provides for licensing of asbestos abatement contractors.
- Enables LARA to charge fees for a license and each project notification.
- Specifies LARA’s powers and duties in administering the act.
- Provides for penalties and civil fines against violators.

A company or individual may not engage in any activity involving the demolition, renovation, or encapsulation of friable asbestos materials on the premises of another without first receiving a license from LARA. There are exceptions. For certain types of asbestos abatement work, the act does not require a licensed plumber, electrician, mechanical contractor, residential builder, or maintenance and alteration contractor to have both a license in their specific trade group and also an asbestos abatement contractor license. For this exception to apply, the asbestos abatement work must be incidental to their primary licensed trade and cannot involve more than 160 square feet or 260 linear feet of friable asbestos materials.

The asbestos program does not necessarily need a complaint from an employee to investigate an alleged violation of the act. The program may investigate when it receives a written complaint from any “aggrieved party.” After an investigation, the program may deny, suspend, or revoke a license issued under the act if an asbestos abatement contractor is not in compliance with this act or not in compliance with other state or federal laws pertaining to the public health and safety aspects of asbestos demolition, renovation, and encapsulation.

### [Tips for Winter Workplace Safety](#)

## **AGENCY INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED**

**November 22, 2016** – [Training for MIOSHA Personnel](#)

**December 8, 2016** – [Training for General Industry Safety and Health Division \(GISHD\) Staff](#)

**December 8, 2016** – [Reinspection Assignments](#)

**December 8, 2016** – [Noise Inspections](#)

## **MEDIA**

**December 14, 2016** – [MIOSHA and Skanska Clossner Invite Media to Marquette Hospital Partnership Signing](#)

**December 15, 2016** – [Skanska Closner and MIOSHA Partner to Protect Workers During Construction of New Marquette Hospital](#)

**December 21, 2016** – [Ypsilanti Manufacturer Cited for MIOSHA Violations Totaling \\$265,600 in Proposed Penalties](#)

All of the MIOSHA press releases can be viewed on our [website](#).

## VARIANCES

Variances from MIOSHA standards must be made available to the public in accordance with Part 12, Variances (R408.22201 to 408.22251). MIOSHA variances are published on the MIOSHA News website: [www.michigan.gov/mioshavariances](http://www.michigan.gov/mioshavariances).

## QUICK LINKS

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[Asbestos Program](#)  
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[CET Request for Consultative Assistance Services](#)  
[CET Training Calendar](#)  
[Construction Safety & Health Division \(CSHD\)](#)  
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[Employee Safety, Health, & Discrimination Complaint Forms](#)  
[General Industry Safety & Health Division \(GISHD\)](#)  
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